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Objectives and agenda of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament

Chair's proposal of 8 June 2017

Objectives

- To revitalize the process of disarmament on the basis of the universal principles elaborated in the Final Document of the tenth special session of the General Assembly, the first special session devoted to disarmament
- To reaffirm the principles and priorities set out in the Final Document
- To reaffirm the collective commitment of Member States to work towards achieving the shared disarmament goals and priorities, including those set forth in the Final Document
- To consider and assess the implementation of the Final Document adopted, in particular its Programme of Action, with a view to identifying ways and means to achieve further progress, inter alia, through the existing multilateral framework, in meeting the objectives and priorities, including nuclear disarmament, established in the Final Document
- To provide for a comprehensive consideration and review of issues in the field of disarmament and international security, with due consideration to developments, trends and new and existing security challenges affecting international stability
- To reaffirm the importance of the existing United Nations disarmament machinery, while considering ways to strengthen and improve its effectiveness
- To promote multilateralism in the field of disarmament, enhancing cooperation at all levels and building confidence among States
- To adopt an outcome document by consensus, with a view to making progress towards the disarmament objectives

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Agenda

1. Examination of the implementation of the Final Document of the tenth special session of the General Assembly, the first special session devoted to disarmament, including its Programme of Action, and assessment of the present situation in the field of disarmament and international security, including its regime of multilateral treaties and conventions, with a view to making further progress in this field, building upon the principles and priorities established in the Final Document.

2. Review of the functioning of the United Nations disarmament machinery, with a view to strengthening it and increasing its effectiveness and relevance.

3. Adoption of concrete, practical and effective measures that advance disarmament and international security.

4. Adoption of the final document(s) of the special session.